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For: **PROTEIN KINASE C EPSILON AS
A MODULATOR OF ANXIETY,
ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, AND SELF-
ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS OF
ABUSE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper supplements the continued prosecution application filed on March 12, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel pending claims 10, 29, 31-33, 35-39, 54, and 55 without prejudice.

Please enter the following claims:

56. A method of screening for an agent that modulates anxiety, said method comprising:

- a) exposing a PKCε to a test agent;
- b) detecting binding of the test agent to the PKCε, wherein the ability to bind PKCε indicates that the test agent is a potential modulator of anxiety.

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